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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 23, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 54-D, West Branch of Little Kennebec Bay (Machias): This notice reclassifies the West Branch of Little Kennebec Bay from Prohibited to Approved due to an updated shoreline survey and water quality meeting approved standards. This notice also reclassifies Marsh Stream on the Eastern Branch of Little Kennebec Bay from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. Due to the entire pollution area now being Approved, no map is included with this notice. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

~~A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the West Branch of Little Kennebec Bay upstream from a line beginning at the "Old Boat House" and running north to a red painted post on the opposite shore.~~

~~B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit: Eastern Branch of Little Kennebec Bay east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the north shore approximately 560 yards from the culvert on Marsh Stream and runs southeast approximately 585 yards to the north most tip of an unnamed point forming the north shore of Spruce Cove.~~

If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers through the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area
Commissioner's Designee

1:00 PM
(Effective Time)